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588 DEAD IN THEATRE ACCIDENT.

170 More Injured Some of Whom Will Die From Injuries.

WORST OF ITS KIND ON RECORD.

Nearly All the Victims Identified—Many Heartrending Scenes—Chicago Theatres Closed—Several Arrests Made.

As the result of the fire and panic that followed in the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago on Wednesday afternoon of last week 588 people, mostly women and children, were killed and about 170 were injured in trying to escape from that new and beautiful theatre when the alarm of fire was sounded. It is thought that possibly a few more of those injured may die, but most of them are considered out of danger.

The scenes around this theatre, the morgues and the hospitals was heartrending when fond parents would recognize the charred and mutilated remains of one or more of their loved ones among the long rows of dead or find them terribly injured in one of the overfilled hospitals.

One of the most pathetic scenes was where a man with the body of his child, partially wrapped up, in his arms entered a cable car and took a seat. The conductor, knowing it to be his duty, touched him on the shoulder and informed him that it was against the rules to carry bodies in that manner. The broken hearted father arose to his feet and with his free hand drew a revolver on the conductor and in a tone of desperation born of despair said: "This is my daughter. I have looked for her all of last night and to-day. I have tried in vain to obtain a cab or a carriage and I can get none. I am taking my baby home to her mother and I intend to take her on this car. Now, go on." Other men on the car interceded with the conductor and the latter, realizing the situation, gave way and in the crowded car the father sat and carried the corpse of his child home.

Another case, less sad, is where a father had been hunting for the bodies of his two children, supposed to be among the dead, found the body of a little girl and thinking it was his own, took her remains home before hunting further for the others. As he drove up to the door he was met by his wife who told him that their little ones had returned home in safety a short time before. The happy father returned to the morgue at once with the body of the dead girl—"somebody's darling"—which he thought to be his own little one.

There has been much discussion as to what started the fire but the general impression is that it started from an electric wire which became grounded on some of the scenery. That seems to be the most general theory and the officials have accepted that as the cause. Several men connected with the theatre have been arrested as accessories to manslaughter and the matter will be thoroughly investigated.

The mayor has had 19 theatres in the city closed on account of not having asbestos curtains and, otherwise not living up to the requirements of the law in regard to the safety of human life. Other halls and places of public meeting have also been closed. It is claimed that not half of the theatres in Chicago will be allowed to reopen until they have practically rebuilt.

The managers of the Iroquois Theatre admitted yesterday that they had not taken the proper precautions for the protection of patrons in case of fire. It was also admitted that 11 of the exits were locked and bolted. The formal inquest into the fire began this morning.

Not Poisoned by Candy.

A few days ago the three children of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown were taken quite ill and at first it was thought that they had been poisoned from eating candy, but after a thorough examination Dr. Brown has become convinced that their sickness was not caused from poison in the candy.

Gerard, the youngest, aged about two and a half years, was very seriously ill for several days and for a time it was thought that the little fellow could not live. Last night he was quite bad, but a telephone message from the doctor this forenoon brought the news that he was better. Dr. Brown says they are suffering from a bowel trouble.

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CHAS. LEMMLER.

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ANCIENT HISTORY.

Happening in McKean County in Days of Old. Taken from the Files.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents in Farmers Valley, November 20, 1871, by the Rev. P. Butterfield, Mr. Charles Beckwith to Miss Ella Day, both of Farmers Valley, McKean county, Pa. May they not only live in the Day, but in the sunlight of life.

The Smethport school is said to be a decided success. Owing to the large attendance another assistant teacher, Miss Mary Peck, has been employed.

Gov. Geary has appointed Hon. A. G. Olmsted of Potter county as an additional law judge in the judicial district of Bucks and Montgomery counties, in place of Judge Ross, promoted to the president judgeship at the late elections. Senator Olmsted was unanimously recommended by the bar of Bucks and Montgomery.—Bowyer Radical.

Married, at the house of the bride's parents in Smethport, November 20, 1871, by the Rev. R. D. Hays, Mr. Lewis Ranner and Miss Florence Gailey. The boys are fast "doubling up" now-a-days—probably owing to the cold weather. May their union be a happy one and joy ever attend them.

Died, at DeGolier, Pa., December 2 1871, Nathan DeGolier, aged 65 years, 8 months and 7 days. One of the oldest citizens of McKean county has passed to "that better country which is an heavenly."

Born in Saratoga county, N. Y., he moved into Steuben county from whence he emigrated into this county forty years ago and selected a home whither he removed his family, consisting of his wife, three children, a niece and nephew, all of whom survive him. Married at the age of eighteen and commencing in the wilderness after seven years of wedded life, he experienced all the hardships and privations of a young pioneer with a small family to care for. He soon commenced the erection of a saw mill and grist mill and sought in every way to develop the new country to which he had removed.

No higher office than road commissioner, pathmaster or school director, save postmaster, was ever held or sought after by him, but his energy and public spirit, where they could be practically useful, were not withheld when the occasion demanded the sacrifice of his time to attend public duties. Many are indebted to Uncle Nate, as he was familiarly known for their start in life in this section; and a case of sickness or necessity was never presented to him in vain. His time and tender care were ever at the call of suffering, and his mill or cellar was ever open to the wants of poverty.

Utterly devoid of hypocrisy, he was ever ready to sustain the preaching of the gospel and extend his aid and influence to everything of a moral or literary character. His last days were spent in submission to the will of his Heavenly Father, believing that His hand would not afflict him more than was for his good and as a preparation for his journey heavenward.

When first a railroad was talked of in this county Mr. Degolier lent his influence by securing the right of way therefor, and every public enterprise found him a ready helper.

By fire and flood and the dishonesty of others he became involved in debt, but his energies never flagged—he only worked the harder. And when urged by his pious neighbors to take advantage the bankrupt act "as they did," he told them: "No, I will live to pay my debts," as he did and secured a competency. Physically inferior to few who swung an axe or pulled an oar, with a well balanced mind and high order of intellect, he needed but this strong sense of right to render it impossible for him to be a bankrupt.

A few years ago he retired from business and in a pleasant home surrounded by his children and grandchildren, with the wife of his youth, he hospitably entertained the many friends who delighted in his society.

He was buried in the cemetery which with the postoffice, railroad station and other public places bears his name—a name unsullied by him and of which, as a descendant of a French family of distinction, he felt justly proud. Trusting in Him who doeth all things well, his last days were those of the righteous.

On Tuesday last as Roswell Sartwell and his brother Samuel were going to Alton they overtook an old gentleman, near what is known as the "Eastman lot," who was so badly frozen that he could scarcely walk. They took him by each arm and succeeded in getting him to Alton, when it was discovered that his hands, feet and face were badly frozen. He would probably have perished in another half hour had not the Messrs. Sartwell happened along and rescued him.

A match game of billiards for the championship of McKean county was played between S. B. Sartwell of this place and Tim Mullin, Jr., of Port Allegany on Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, 1871. Five hundred points were played. Mullin won the game by 27 points. Both played poorly.

THE HOLIDAY SOCIAL EVENTS.

Smethport People Made Merry During the Holiday Season.

DANCE, BANQUET, LEAP YEAR PARTY

All Were Highly Successful Affairs and Much Enjoyed—Other Lesser Events.

The young men of this place gave their annual Holiday ball at the Smethport Lyceum Monday evening and it was one of the nicest parties ever given in Smethport. Nearly every member of our young social set was in attendance, as well as a number of out-of-town guests, who were Misses Mayme Steel and Bessie King, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Studholme, Messrs. Ed. Brown, Elton Holden and Mark Pomeroy of Port Allegany and Harry Douglass of Bradford. To the inspiring strains of the Smethport Lyceum orchestra, composed of young musicians who are fast coming into popularity, many beautiful and handsomely gowned young women and well dressed young men tripped the light fantastic until an early hour.

Light refreshments were served on the stage.

The members of the Cracker and Cheese Club and a few invited friends who are expected to become affiliated with this club, entertained their wives and lady friends at a dinner given at the Commercial House New Year's eve.

Covers were laid for twenty-two and at 9:45 the merry revelers gathered around the festive board. The dining hall was tastily decorated with our national colors and holly and the table with smilax and carnations. In the office next to the dining room the Smethport Lyceum orchestra rendered sweet music throughout the many courses of the feast.

It was a most congenial gathering and the bits of wit which the many toasts and anecdotes contained were as bright and sparkling as the eyes and glasses of the party. Toasts were given to the Old and New Year, Our Guests, Our Ladies, Our Absent Members and the C. & C. C. and those who responded responded well

Those present were Mr and Mrs. Orlo J. Hamlin, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Horace H. Redfield, Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Willett S. Palmer, Mrs. J. F. Olmstead, Miss Forrest, Miss Ruth Forrest, Miss Gifford, Miss Hussey, Guy B. Mayo, Arthur W. Mitchell, Edward Studholme, Scott F. Redfield, Harry L. Backus.

All spoke highly of the repast and much praise was given Mr. and Mrs. Sherburne for their most excellent cooking and serving of the spread.

In a social way, at least, the New Year was started right in our town. A large party of really young married and single women who choose to style themselves "the old folks" gave a Leap Year party at the hose house last Friday night, which certainly was one of the social successes of the season.

About thirty couples, to the tuneful music of the Smethport Lyceum orchestra, mingled in the mazes of the dance until a late hour and the old and new version of the terpsichorean art were thoroughly enjoyed by all. During the intermission an excellent supper was served in the dining hall to which all did ample justice. At a late hour the party wended homeward and the male portion were profuse in their praise of the entertainment furnished by the ladies.

On Wednesday, December thirtieth, Mrs. Orlo Hamlin entertained a supper party in honor of Miss Hamlin and her friend Miss Hammer of Reading, Pa. Covers were laid for twelve with the table color scheme in blue and white. White carnations, ferns and smilax formed the centerpiece with a "Cupid" hung from the chandelier with an effective blue ribbon bow and the silver candelabra with blue candles and dainty blue shades. The place cards were in the shape of loving cups, hand painted with the "Gunning Cupids."

The favors were hammers filled with sweets, a little knock on Miss Hamlin's future. Those present were the Misses Hammer of Reading, Pa., Hamlin, Forrest, Young, Agnes McCoy, Helen McCoy, Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mrs. H. H. Redfield, Mrs. P. D. Hamlin, Chicago, Mrs. M. M. Gillette, Newark, Ohio and Mrs. J. F. Olmstead, Shelby, Ohio.

January fourth being the wooden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Hamlin they entertained ten of their friends at a six o'clock dinner. The cedar wood and gilt place cards with dainty boxes of bon bons and the roses and smilax added to the attractiveness of the table for the guests. Among those who enjoyed this were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Palmer, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Redfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McCoy, Miss Hamlin and Mr. G. B. Mayo.

Strenuous Times on the B. B. & K.

Employees of the B., B. & K. have had troubles of their own so far this winter, but the blizzard of last Saturday was the crowning obstacle and the heavy fall of snow, accompanied by high winds, succeeded in putting the road temporarily out of commission.

The road from Ormsby to Kane was soon lost in the drifts, but great efforts were made to keep the line from Bradford to Smethport open.

Saturday Conductor Burr's train succeeded in running from Ormsby to Kinzua Junction in eight and one half hours the usual running time being about 90 minutes. It was a battle with the elements every inch of the way. The coal and water supply being exhausted the crew scoured chemical wood to fire the engine and melted snow to fill the boiler. Once while the men were engaged in shoveling snow into the tender the cab on the locomotive caught fire and the wood work was considerably damaged before it was extinguished. The last two miles of the road into Kinzua Junction had to be cleared of snow by the men before the engine and caboose, which composed the train, could pull through.

A snow plow driven by an engine was sent out of Bradford to the relief of the stalled train, but the immense drifts on the hill many times balked the outfit and it was 4 o'clock Sunday morning before the train reached Bradford.

The management of the road decided to abandon operations for the present and "no wheels were turned" the first of the week. An important meeting of the officials of the B., B. & K. was held in Bradford yesterday and it is quite probable that measures will be adopted to resume the fight with the snow drifts and to run trains as soon as possible.

Death of Samuel McClure.

Samuel McClure died at his home on Cemetery street, this borough, at midnight on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1903, after an extended illness of a complication of ailments, aged 68 years, 7 months and 27 days.

The subject of this sketch was born in Franklinville, N. Y., on May 3, 1835, and when 18 years of age moved to Olean and learned the trade of carpenter and millwright. After learning his trade he traveled a great deal and has been employed in mills in nearly every lumbering state in the union. In 1879 he came to Smethport and was head sawyer in Gifford's mill for a number of years and has always resided here since.

In 1888 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Alice Wolters and to them were born three children, namely: Edwin L., Miss Frances M. and Scott A. McClure, who with their mother and O. S. McClure of Olean, a son by a previous marriage, survive to mourn the loss of an affectionate and devoted husband and father.

Mr. McClure was made up of those sterling qualities of honor and honesty which made him many friends. He was a man who suffered a great deal from sickness in his latter days but he was always kind and friendly to those who worked with and under him as the writer can testify, having worked with him one summer in Gifford's mill.

The funeral services were held at the house at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Rev. Gaylard H. Patterson officiating, and his remains were laid at rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

Found Dead in Reservoir.

The dead body of Alex Wildelm, a woodman, was found in the reservoir which supplies Clermont citizens with water, on Wednesday of last week. The man had been missing since the previous Saturday and a search was instituted. A newspaper was found floating on the water which led the searchers to believe that he might have fallen into the tank.

The large tank was dragged and the body of this unfortunate man was found. He was considerably bloated and it is thought he had been in the water since Saturday. He was unmarried and has no relatives so far as his friends know.

A Pastor's Stereopticon Outfit.

The Rev. Gaylard Patterson has recently secured an excellent stereopticon which with an acetylene light of five hundred candle power projects a clear ten foot picture from the back of the church, avoiding the obstruction of the view of the audience by the apparatus and operator. While this outfit will be serviceable for many purposes, Mr. Patterson's special purpose at present is to present views of missionary fields and Christian work done in these. Next Sunday evening he expects to give views of Turkey, showing striking contrasts between Mohammedanism and Christianity.

The Smethport Water Company calls the attention of its patrons to the fact that during the present season too much water is being waated and that in case of fire there would be danger of a shortage for such purposes.

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43 DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

That was Where the Thermometer Stood Tuesday Morning.

COLDEST WEATHER KNOWN HERE.

General Freeze-Up of Water Pipes—Much Damage Done—The Oldest Inhabitant Silenced.

Monday night and Tuesday morning goes on record as the coldest ever known in this section, the thermometer having gone as low as 43 degrees below zero in this borough. Brownell's thermometer which is generally recognized as official in this place, registered 43 below at 5:30 Tuesday morning and all others were hovering around that mark. This is by far the coldest ever known in this section, previous records only reaching 38 degrees, below, and even the oldest inhabitants did not attempt to remember any colder weather back in their early days.

Water pipes and waste pipes were frozen in many business places and residences and much damage was the result. When we reached this office we found water pipes bursted, the office turned into a miniature skating rink and the presses in the basement looked like glaciers. The force and plumbers were pressed into service to remove the ice, and the gas being short, every means possible (including wood) was used to produce heat. Much perseverance and a little profanity (by the plumbers of course) has enabled us to produce this abbreviated issue of the MINER and we beg the indulgence of our readers, for under the circumstances we could do no better.

Many other places also suffered. A water pipe bursted over Mrs. Mary L. Bisett's store and the whole back part of the building was flooded. Fortunately but few of her perishable goods were wet and therefore the damage is not great. Wright & Terwilliger's meat market was flooded but their damage was also slight, and many others were similarly affected. In private houses the damages from frozen pipes are probably greater than in business places. There were over fifty calls at the plumbing shops for help and in many places considerable damage was done.

The cold wave was general throughout the Eastern States. In every place heard from it was a record breaker. At Orange, Mass., thermometers burst at 20 degrees below zero and in Maryland the Severn river is frozen solid from bank to bank.

At Eldred it is reported it reached 40 degrees below zero, Simpson 42, Mt. Alton 38, and that Mt. Jewett and Kane were also in the race, although a trifle less cold.

"Leape Yearre."

The according of special privileges to the ladies during leap year had its origin, we believe in an old Saxon law. The statute, which for all we know to the contrary has never been repealed, reads as follows:

"Albeit as often as leape yearre dothe occurre, the woman holdeth prerogative over the manne in matter of courtshippe, love and matrimonie; so that when the ladye proposeth, it shall not be lawful for the manne to say her nae, but shall entertaine her proposal in all gude courtesie."

This "prerogative" having been denied the ladies for the past seven years, an increased activity in the matrimonial market during the year 1904 is predicted. The clause "it shall not be lawful for the manne to say her nay" is calculated to implant courage in the most timid feminine heart and great results may be expected from the unearthing of this ancient law. In this connection it may not be out of place to state that the MINER is headquarters for up-to-date wedding stationery at reasonable prices.

Sleds and Skates.

Our stock is still complete and we can fit you. Everything from the cheapest to the best. Holmes & Gilfillan.

I have a large stock of trunks, suit cases and traveling bags at my usual low prices. Call and see them

CHAS. LEMMLER.

Weismantle, the horseshoer at Holmes & Gilfillan's.

Our Sins of Omission.

There is much in my life that I cannot forget,
I have tried to be honest and true,
But the things that to-day I most deeply regret
Are the things I've neglected to do.

I have seen a fair youth near the pathway of crime
With no feeling of doubt nor of fear,
When a strong, loving word, if spoken in time,
Might have checked his swift downward career.

I have seen a poor mortal dejectedly stand,
Discouraged and homeless and stark,
And withheld the good word the clasp of the hand,
That might have brought hope to his heart.

I have seen a soul tempted, a soul that was weak,
A soul that resistance has ceased,
And have silently passed, neglecting to speak
The word that perhaps might have saved.

I have seen the down-trodden, the toilers of earth
By the hand of the stronger oppressed,
And have stifled the good thought that should have had birth,
And have entered no word of protest.

I have watched when the mourners have gone to and fro,
Bowed down by their burden of grief,
And have spoken no word, although I well know
That a word might have given relief.

I have met those whose burdens were pressing them down,
Those tortured by doubt and by fear,
And have turned from the scene, perhaps with a frown,
When I should have said words of good cheer.

Of my purse I have given but not of myself,
Have not taken my personal share,
Although I well knew that no offering of pelf
Could unfrown a pitt that was bare.

Loving Father, to-day forgiveness I ask,
In the name of Thy dear, Blessed Son,
For the duties I've shirked of life's rugged task,
For the good things I ought to have done.

—Chas. H. Allen.

County Appointments.

The County Commissioners made the following appointments on Tuesday for the year, 1904:

Commissioners Clerk—S. D. Weaver.

Mercantile Appraiser—M. S. Geary of Mt. Alton.

Attorney for County and Poor District—Hon. T. F. Richmond.

County Physician—Dr. W. A. Ostrander.

Superintendent of the County Home—Jonathan Colegrove.

Janitor of the Court House—S. G. Bush.

The above appointments are excellent ones and speak well for the judgment of the county commissioners. We offer congratulations to the successful candidates.

Kelley-Armstrong.

Mr. John R. Kelley and Miss Aletha, only daughter of Martin L. Armstrong, both of this borough, were united in marriage at Olean on Thursday, December 24, 1903, the Rev. Rowland of the First M. E. church performing the ceremony.

The bride is one of Smethport's most charming and accomplished young ladies, and Mr Kelley is a young glassworker who has made many friends in town during his residence here of the past three or four years. The MINER unites with their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous life.

P., S. & N. R. R. Clerical Orders.

Clerical orders for the year 1904 will be issued by the P., S. & N. R. R. as in former years to ordained clergymen having regular charges of churches located on or near the line of its road. Application blanks will be furnished by the ticket agents of the company and forwarded to the general passenger agent at St. Marys, Pa., as early as possible. No orders will be issued except on individual application of clergymen made on blanks furnished by the company and certified to by one of its agents.

C. J. RENWICK,
General Passenger Agent.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the post office at Smethport for the week ending Jan. 2, 1904:

F. B. Hall, Louis Joslyn, Howard Johnson, Chas. H. McVean, James Nells, Frank O'Neil, Osery Paterson, Jesse Robinson, Geo. W. Risher, John Siverling, George E. Williams 2.

Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised." All unclaimed letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office two weeks from date of advertising.

J. C. GALLUP,
Postmaster.

Millionaire's Poor Stomach.

The worn-out stomach of the over-fed millionaire is often paraded in the public prints as a horrible example of the evils attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people and they suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty-five years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. At H. C. Wells'.

Lemmler's is headquarters for robes and blankets as usual. The quality and prices will suit you.

Get your oysters and clams at Harrington's Restaurant. They are best.

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Birth, marriage and death notices inserted free.

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Address all communications to

HARRY L. BACKUS,
Editor and Prop'r.

Smethport, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1904.

Announcement.

FOR TREASURER.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

S. D. WEAVER.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 21, 1903.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county at the primaries.

J. F. DAVIS.

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 4, 1904.

THE death of ex-Judge James B. Neale occurred at Kittanning on Thursday last. He was judge of Armstrong county from 1880 to 1890.

A FEW days ago some of the Bradford papers suggested Geo. W. Mitchell of this place as a candidate for county treasurer. Mr. Mitchell has therefore announced that he will not be a candidate for that honor.

J. F. DAVIS of Bradford announces in this issue that he is a candidate for the office of county treasurer, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. Mr. Davis came to Coleville this county during the oil excitement in 1879; but soon after moved to Bradford. In 1893 he was made deputy sheriff under A. B. Walker and served until 1897 when he took the office of sheriff which he held for three years. He then was deputy under W. B. Clarke as long as a deputy was needed. Since Mr. Davis retired from the sheriff's office he has resided in Bradford and has been the vice president and treasurer of the Tunn Glass Co., an organization that, to a great extent, owes its existence to the efforts of Mr. Davis. He has always been a practical business man and has discharged his duties in a most satisfactory manner both in public and private life. He is personally acquainted with a large majority of the voters of this county and "Shorty," as he is familiarly called by his friends, will make a good showing at the primaries.

Washington Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2, 1904.

With all the popularity and open-handed hospitality for which President Roosevelt is justly celebrated, the social season in Washington was inaugurated at the White House on New Year's day, with as large and as brilliant a reception as has ever been seen within its walls. All the officials of the government, and the general public by the thousands, crowded to pay their respects to the first gentleman of the land, who received each one graciously. Even the weather was faultless; a cloudless sky, with the mercury marking 75 degrees, thus ignoring the official prediction of "rain or snow." The army and navy officers formed at the War office and marched in long columns from the building. Among the new diplomats present, for the first time were the British Ambassador and the new minister from the infant republic of Panama. Mrs. Roosevelt stood by her husband's side while the public filed past, as glad to see and greet the common people as the officials. She was robed in a rich white satin dress, the front breadths richly ornamented with seed pearl embroidery. The waist, cut square in the neck, was also embroidered, as were the wide shoulder bands from which fell fluffy chiffon angel sleeves parting at the elbow. Pearls for ornaments. Miss Alice Roosevelt, also in white, stood behind her mother. The President looked anxious and weary, but greeted each visitor with a smile and a shake of the hands. The White House was decked in Christmas greens and impressed one with its atmosphere of elegance, refinement and homelike quality. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt are so frank and hearty in their welcome to all visitors that the public is charmed with the simplicity and sincerity of the republican court. This example has had its influence upon Washington society, and in no other city can be found more democratic or hospitable hosts. After the official reception the people hurried away to attend the other receptions given by cabinet ministers, Admiral Dewey and other high officials. The happy Admiral surrounded himself with thirty young ladies from naval households and his parlors were thronged with men in uniform, reminding one of a battleship preparing for action. On the same day Mrs. Hoot gave her last reception; Mrs. Cortelyou gave her first, and Mr. Moody, Secretary of the Navy, being a bachelor, gave none.

During January each member of the cabinet will give a dinner to the President, and afterwards he returns the compliment, having also for his guests the Supreme Court Judges, the Senators the foreign ambassadors, officers of the army and navy and various other notable folks. The old custom of keeping open house has been renewed in Washington and now society, clubs and churches give receptions.

The brief days of the winter season are made long and cheerful by the numerous entertainments. Strangers are superbly received and they come from all quarters and are of all degrees. No less than one thousand school teachers were in Washington from New York and New Jersey during the holidays. College boys, young society ladies of prominence, foreigners of distinction, leading politicians, authors, artists, all find their element in the Federal city. Gov. Taft of the Philippines is to be dined by Secretary Root, whom he succeeds, on the 29th inst. Mrs. John R. McLean has given a dinner dance to the daughters of Hamilton Fish of New York and ex-Gov. Walcott of Mass. The ballroom was lined with rare old tapestries from the Barberini Palace, Rome. Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh who has the happiness of living in the largest, newest and most costly residence in Washington, has given a ball in compliment to Alice Roosevelt and Miss Walsh. Dancing at 10 o'clock in the great ballroom on the top floor, followed by a supper and cotillion at which costly favors were distributed—lace fans for the women and gold pencils for the men.

The peace and prosperity which has come to the nation with expansion and Panama is reflected in the merry life of the national capital. While the favored children of well-to-do parents were being entertained by the president, a thousand others, offspring of the working people, babes of those employed on the city railways, were taken to the Masonic Temple and treated to a program of tricks, songs, marionettes and a real Santa Claus, who loaded their hands with toys, candies and all kinds of fruits. The president of the railway company did this graceful deed.

At all times the warm hearted Southern people in Washington are social and hospitable, but it takes cold weather to unite them in good cheer. The Mt. Vernon Place church, which boasts members from every Southern State, sent out a thousand invitations for New Year's and held a large reception. A special booth was erected for each Southern State, decorated with greens and the State flags. The Texas booth was covered with cotton and the one for South Carolina displayed palmetto hats in a row. Justice and Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes have given a housewarming. The new British Ambassador and Lady Durand have extended their hospitalities to the diplomatic corps.

The Chicago holocaust has compelled an overhauling of all the theatres in this city and a vigorous inspection.

There is less excitement to-day at the Russian and Japanese legations in this city because of the announcement that Russia has postponed for two weeks her answer to the Japanese demand. But the delay may not mean peace.

The Naval Observatory here announced the beginning of the New Year by telegraph to every city in the country, ticking off the exact second when its first hour commenced. The record was even in Alaska, Guam and the Philippines.

Anti-imperialists claim that they are not dead yet, having been galvanized into activity by the conduct of our "emperor" in Panama, and they boldly bring forward as their candidate for the Presidency before the Democratic convention, Gen. Nelson A. Miles. His strength is not of that kind which anti-expansionists usually prefer, being wholly military and even pugnacious, but it is insisted that he would poll some votes because he got himself reprimanded by the President for imprudent conduct. Miles is a Massachusetts man and Gamaliel Bradford thinks he would carry the State. Whether he would carry the South in view of the fact that he put shackles upon Jefferson Davis, is another question. However, it is generally believed that Jefferson Davis is dead.

Notice of Application for Charter.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, on Friday the twenty-ninth day of January, 1904, by T. H. Quinn, M. F. Quinn, F. S. Sherman, W. H. Kingrose and J. S. Latch, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations" approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called CLERMONT SEWER PIPE COMPANY, the character and object whereof is manufacturing and refining clays, shales and silica rock and the manufacture and marketing of sewer pipe, tile, brick and other products for which clay, shales and silica rock can be used, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

JOHN G. WHITMORE, Solicitor.

January 2, 1904.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration c. t. a. on the estate of J. J. Hughes, late of Annin township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to John C. Brown, residing in Smethport borough, McKean county, Pa., to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to Gorton & Richmond, attorneys, Smethport, Pa.

JOHN C. BROWN,
Administrator c. t. a.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 16, 1903.

"THAT ETERNAL ITCHING."

$5 for any case of Itching, Outward or Inward Piles, Old Sores, Scaley Head, Poison Oak, Eczema, or any Skin Disease that can't be cured with Dr. Zigg's Silver and Ointment. Just try one box by mail 50c.

DR. ZIGG MEDICAL CO., Bradford, Pa.

For sale by L. K. Hogarth and J. W. Voorhees.

City Shaving Parlors,

ELWOOD GASKIN, Prop.

Shaving and Hair Dressing

—In the latest style of Art.—

None but first-class workmen employed.

Shining Chair.

EMIL THAMM,

MANUFACTURER OF

Fine Cigars.

Wholesale and Retail Dealer.

Mail orders given prompt attention

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

FOR

Men, Women and Children

All Sizes, Styles and Prices.

Now for Your Shoe Orders.

BACKUS & BACKUS,

319 W. State St.,

OLEAN, N. Y.

Mail orders given prompt attention

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A NEW JEWELRY STORE.

Kerr's Jewelry Store, formerly of Mt. Jewett, Pa., is now located in the Clark building, Main St., where we will be pleased to have you call and inspect our stock, consisting of

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, CLOCKS,
RINGS, Novelties in SILVER & JEWELRY,
SILVERWARE, RICH CUT GLASS,
SPECIALTIES, ETC, ETC.

All goods of the best make and guaranteed. Watch, clock, jewelry and spectacle repairing and engraving a specialty. We can duplicate any broken lens. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Come and get our prices. At

KERR'S

Burdick's Music Store, Smethport, Pa.

The Parker Lucky Curve

IS THE BEST FOUNTAIN PEN MADE. CALL AND SEE THEM AND LEARN PRICES AT

McCoy's Drug Store.

STOP! READ! and REFLECT

And then go to

BROWNELL BROTHERS

Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
FURNISHING GOODS,
HATS, CAPS. BOOTS and SHOES.

AND A CHOICE LINE OF THE

FINEST GROCERIES

TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT

ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

FURNITURE

You make no mistake in buying here. The stock is complete, and prices low.

CARPETS

An elegant assortment just received. Now is the time to secure best values. Remember our stock of wall paper contains all the latest patterns.

Main street, Smethport. Specht & Sasse.

Brasted's For Fresh HOME-MADE CANDIES try us.

WHEN IN NEED OF A PLUMBER

It is cheapest to get the best. We guarantee to do first class work at prices that are right. Estimates cheerfully given.

PLUMBING,
GAS FITTING,
SPOUTING,
TIN WORK,

Have secured the services of THOMAS CLARK, an experienced plumber, and am better preppred to do all work of that nature.

EDGAR W. STRONG,

BOTH 'PHONES. RUBIN BLOCK. Smethport.

PUZZLED?

If you are like many Holiday shoppers you are at a loss as to what to buy.

Come to us and we will please you.

SLIPPERS

AND

WOOLEN GOODS

For Ladies', Gents and Children

will make a suitable gift. Call and see them.

Anderson & Carlson,

Smethport, Pa.

Taking INVENTORY Watch Space Next Week.

H. W. RUBIN.

The Old Reliable Clothier, Furnisher and Merchant Tailor.

SMETHPORT, PA.

WE GIVE PURPLE STAMPS

D. C. Young's Department Store.

Headquarters for Purple Stamp Premiums, the finest premiums ever given in this town. So save your purple stamps as you are sure to get a valuable premium for every book you fill.

Call and look over my stock as I have just received a line of new goods and can save you money on Rubber goods for men, women and children.

BOOTS & SHOES,
NOTIONS,
DRY GOODS,
FANCY GOODS, &c.

And always a fresh line of groceries on hand, also hand-picked apples.

D. C. YOUNG,

SMETHPORT, PA., Dec. 1, 1903.

GOODS DELIVERED.

If it is a

Nice Suit of Clothes

that you want now is the time and this is the place to get it.

This store never knows a dull season and I am always prepared to serve my customers with the best.

G. W. Shillenn,

The Leading Tailor

Chadwick Block. Smethport.

A CHRISTMAS STORE.

full of the things that men and boys like to wear. We'd need a newspaper of our own to rightly tell all that this store contains. We won't begin, for where would we start? Just skim over a few items.

New neckwear—fantastic shapes, colarings and weaves.
Mufflers—rich and beautiful.
Umbrellas—handsomely decorated handles.
Dress Suit Cases—all leather, called Tip-Top because there's none so good—$5.00.
Fancy Suspenders—in boxes 50c to $2.50 a pair.
House Coats and Dressing Jackets.
Lastly: Expect us to have what you want.

IKE SIMONS

46-48 Main St. BRADFORD. The Home Noble Clothing Store

We are sole selling agents for the Globe-Wernicke and Yauman & Erbe Mfg Co. sectional Book Cases and Office Devices. We can furnish your house or office complete.

"See Sloan First."

16 Main Street, BRADFORD, PA

We pay your railroad fare to Bradford and return on every $10.00 purchase.

RED STAMPS

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

RED STAMPS

JAN. 7 TO FEB. 1, 1904.

MID-WINTER CLEARANCE SALE.

Before taking inventory we wish to close out odd garments, remnants and large quantities of seasonable dry goods, cloaks, carpets, shoes, etc., and reduce our stock as much as possible. In order to do so we cut the prices deep on the following:

LADIES' COATS.

Black Kersey Box Coat. Regular $5.75. Now $4.25

One lot Ladies' and Misses' Jackets. Reg. $5.00. Now $3.25

One lot Ladies' and Misses' Jackets. Reg. $12.00. Now $7.50

Corset Coats, black and grey. Regular $24.50. Now $17.00

Box Coats and Louis XV style in Kersey and Zibeline. Regular $25.00. Now $17.50

Two only 45 in. tight fitting coats Regular $30.00. Now $18.50

All Ladies, Misses' and Children's Coats at a proportionate discount.

FURS.

50 in. Electric Seal 98c

56 in. Black, Brown or Grey Fur $1.98

64 in. Imi. Blue Fox with cord and tails. Regular $5.50. Now $3.98

Black Canadian Lynx with cord and tails. Regular $20.50. Now $15.00

100 in. Isabella Fox with cord and tails. Regular $38.00. Now $29.00

Other furs at a proportionate discount.

FASCINATORS.

In black or white 19c

MITTENS.

Ladies' and Children's black wool mittens 10c

REMNANTS.

A very prosperous season has left us a great many remnants of wool dress goods in lengths suitable for waists, skirts, children's dresses, etc, which we will close out at greatly reduced prices.

DRESS FLANNELS.

A number of pieces in Red, Grey, Blue and Black. Good values at 50c. Now 39c

DOMESTICS.

White Shaker Flannel 4½c

Good Standard Prints 5c

All linen crash toweling. Regular 10c. Now 7c

LADIES' KNIT VESTS.

A number of Knit Vests in Black and White and Colors.

The $1.00 ones, now 79c

The $1.50 ones, now $1.00

DRESSING SACQUES.

Ladies' Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, all sizes. Regular $1. Now 69c

WAISTS.

One lot of Ladies' winter waists, good $1.25 values. This sale 75c

NIGHT GOWNS.

White outing gowns, the regular $1.00 ones. Now 79c

YARN.

85c knitting yarn in black, grey and white 65c

EIDERDOWN.

36 in. all wool and all colors. Regular 50c. Now 38c

COTTON BATTING.

Several cases bought before the raise. Regular 7c. Now 5c

SHIRTS.

Men's Silver Brand fancy stiff bosom shirts. Reg. $1.00. Now 79c

SWEATERS.

Men's Sweaters in a large variety of colors.

Regular $2.50 ones. Now $1.98

Regular $3.50 ones. Now $2.75

Regular $3.00 ones. Now $2.25

Children's sweaters in blue and black with white. Sizes 32 to 34. Worth $1.50 $1.00

SHOES.

Buell Shoes for Men in Patent Enamel and Box Calf. Regular $4.00. Now $3.48

Dorris Shoes for Women in Patent, Glaze Kid and Box Calf. Good values at $2.50. Our price $2.00

Red Stamps **F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.** Red Stamps

Now Heat Your Home Comfortable With a Reflex Gas Heater.

Even if gas costs 20 c a thousand it would be cheaper for you in a REFLEX HEATER than 15c gas in other makes. This is a positive fact and Redfield, the Hardware Dealer, will prove it to you. It beats using coal at any price.

At this time of year all people are more or less worried on the fuel subject. The Jewett Reflex Heater will positively settle your worriment in the most satisfactory and economical way. It will pay you to buy a Reflex because of its economy and heating power. The Pennsylvania railroad after a thorough examination of all makes, decided on the Reflex and have them in use in all their depots where natural gas is burned and the P. R. R. generally know what they are doing.

REDFIELD'S HARDWARE.

McLean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

Smethport, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Plumbers have been busy this week.

—Attend the dance at the Lyceum to-night.

—H. C. Wells tells of face creams, etc., in this issue.

—Leonard Koenig is seriously ill at his home on Water street.

—Gas heaters are advertised by Holmes & Gilfillan this week.

—Herman Tull has been appointed jury commissioners' clerk by the new board.

—The Fair, Bradford, is advertising a "mill end" sale in which numerous bargains are offered.

—The Lyceum orchestra will give a dance at the Lyceum this (Thursday) evening. Tickets $1.00.

—Ed. H. Coleman has sold his interest in the plumbing business in Port Allegany to his partner, Ray Cheney.

—The machine tenders of the Clarion paper mills at Johnsonburg have struck and the mills have been shut down pending a settlement of the difficulty.

—While assisting his daughter to alight from a sleigh on New Year's Day at Kane Andrew A. Thunberg dropped dead from heart disease. He was aged 70 years and a native of Sweden.

—Jefferson Harrison, one of the best known members of the Tioga county bar, died at his home on Sunday, Dec. 27, aged 65 years.

—Eben Pierce, who was found guilty of murder in the second degree in Potter county recently, was sentenced to 19 years in the penitentiary.

—The price of gas will go up in Mt. Jewett on Feb. 1st. The present net rate is 12 cents per thousand feet and it will be advanced to 18 cents net.

—Charles McKean, while acting as pall bearer at the funeral of Mr. McClure last Saturday, strained his back quite seriously and has been laid up for several days.

—Miss Lucy Tothill of Olean and Prof. W. R. Shaw of Buffalo were married on Dec. 31 at Olean. Prof. Shaw is a well-known vocalist and has many friends in this section.

—The poem, "Our Sins of Omission," by Chas. H. Allen, appears in this issue. Mr. Allen was the principal of the Smethport schools about 33 years ago. He now lives in California.

—A reception was held for the M. E. choir at the parsonage Tuesday evening. It was a farewell to Miss Rena Gallup, the retiring organist, and a welcome to Mrs. Brown and Mr. Grant. A most delightful evening was spent.

—Fifty farmers in the region south of Pottsville have formed a potato trust and have 14,000 bushels of tubers stored away, holding them for higher prices. Potatoes are now selling at 60 cents. The trust proposes holding them for $1. —Wellsboro Gazette.

—Mr. and Mrs. Berleff will conduct a cooking school in St. Luke's parish house five afternoons, commencing this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. After to-day the lessons will commence at 2:30 p. m. Prices 25 cents each or the five for $1.00.

—Miss Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McGuire of the Grand Central, was taken seriously ill with appendicitis the day before Christmas and that night Dr. Maun of Buffalo came here and performed an operation. Miss Maguire rallied promptly and now is improving rapidly.

—Two Smethport young men were given a hearing before Justice Knapp on Monday of last week on the charge of procuring liquor for minors. Both gave bail for their appearance at court. This is an unfortunate affair, especially for the latter, who is only a little past age and probably did not think of the seriousness of the offense.

—Seventeen persons were killed and thirty-seven injured in the Rock Island passenger wreck near Topeka, Kansas, yesterday morning. All the injured will recover with the exception of one. The wreck was caused by the engineer failing to obey orders and wait for a special freight train at a siding.

—A dispatch from Washington says: Countess Esterhazy, who was beautiful Sally Carroll, of the Maryland Carrolls, is being sued by Mrs. Louise De Lang, a cousin of the late James G. Blaine, for $100,000 damages for alienating the affections of her husband, Morton De Lang. Countess Esterhazy is more than sixty years old and Mrs. De Lang is about thirty-seven years of age.

—Miss Agnes Engle, daughter of William Engle of Hazelhurst, died Saturday evening at the Bradford hospital after a brief illness of a complication of ailments. A surgical operation was performed Saturday morning for her relief, but was of no avail. She was aged 25 years and is survived by her father, four brothers and one sister. The remains were taken Monday to Mt. Jewett for burial.

—James Canaan, a pumper on a lease of the Phoenix Oil Co., located about four miles from Mt. Jewett, committed suicide by hanging himself in the boiler house on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Canaan had had some trouble previous to this, and as insanity ran in the family, it is thought he was mentally unbalanced at the time. He was 39 years old and leaves a wife and four small children, a mother, four brothers and one sister.

—The Port Allegany bottle factory was disabled by fire on Tuesday of last week. Fire was discovered in the packing house at about 1 a. m. and before the flames could be placed under control that building and the tank house were destroyed. About 150 men and boys were thrown out of employment. The factory will be rebuilt and the managers will attempt to have the factory running again in a month but it is not probable that this can be accomplished in so short a time.

Leave your orders for oysters and clams with N. M. Harrington. He carries the best stock in town and they are always fresh.

Physicians have long been looking for a harmless headache cure. It has been produced by an eminent chemist of the National Capital. It is known as BROMO-PERSIN. Besides curing every form of headache almost instantly, BROMO-PERSIN is equally and as promptly efficacious in chronic and acute indigestion and the nervous disorders incident thereto. It is effervescent and pleasant to take and may be had of all up-to-date druggists at ten cents a bottle. It comes as a boon to mankind and womankind.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. E. Bennett is visiting in Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Emma Sprague of Buffalo was a guest of friends in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Hamlin have returned to their home in Chicago.

Attorney J. R. Haughney of Eldred had business in town New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Welch spent Christmas with Mr. Welch's parents in Belfast, N. Y.

Judge Wilton M. Lindsey of Warren is assisting Judge Bouton at argument court this week.

Mrs. E. V. Lewis of Rochester spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Knapp.

Mrs. J. C. Brown and children returned last Thursday from a visit with friends in Titusville.

Miss Hammer of Reading, Pa., who was the guest of Miss Hamlin for the holidays, has returned home.

S. F. Redfield, G. W. Mayo, B. F. Garlick and Harry Rubin went to Port Allegany to attend a dance last night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Strong and Miss Nellie Strong of Friendship were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Strong last week.

Mrs. J. F. Olmstead, who was a guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. McCoy, during the holidays, has returned to her home in Shelby, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Stone, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Smethport and vicinity, returned to their home in Rochester last Saturday.

Low Rates West via Nickle Plate Rd.

Special one way colonist tickets to points throughout the west and southwest, on sale first and third Tuesday each month to April, 1904. If going west this winter see local agents, or write R. E. Payne, Gen'l. Agt., 291 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., or C. C. Lowry, T. P. A., Holland, N. Y.

Sleighs and Cutters For Sale.

I have a full line of sleighs and cutters for sale and invite you to call and inspect them. I have everything from the finest made to the plain second-hand ones. Prices right and style and workmanship guaranteed. E. T. DALY, Smethport, Pa. Livery and Feed Stable.

Chadwick's Orchestra.

This organization is now ready to give bids for all kinds of parties, receptions, dinners, etc. For terms apply to John E. Chadwick, manager, Smethport, Pa.

For first-class oysters and clams in bulk or served in any style call at Harrington's Restaurant. They are always fresh and the prices are reasonable.

The Fair,

22 MAIN ST.

IMPORTANT To Smethport Women.

A "Mill End" Sale is something new to most people. Bradford women first became acquainted with the benefits of such a sale last January when we held our first

MILL-END SALE.

We will tell you briefly what a "Mill End" is.

When a contract or lot of cloth is run off the looms at the mills there is invariably a surplus left, due to overestimates of raw material generally.

What is left—prices from 3 to 10 or 15 yards—form what are called "Mill Ends." They are just in the way of the big manufacturers who gladly sacrifice them at one-half or less than their real value.

Thus besides a large assortment to pick from there is a decided advantage in price saving. The goods include

Celebrated White Goods

of finest makes and qualities worth 18 to 75c a yard,

AT **12c** A YD.

besides, ginghams, flannelettes, flannels, musling, sheetings, table linens, dress goods and hosts of other lines.

The Fair,

22 Main Street.

R. Rosenberg, - Bradford, Pa.

Correspondence

Bookkeeping or Shorthand, full course by mail, $12.50. The best there is, and all it is worth anywhere. If more is paid it goes to agents and for their expenses. We have no "drummers." School stands on its merits. Call or write, WESTBROOK ACADEMY, Olean, N. Y.

MONARCH SHIRTS $1.00 & $1.50 — BANNER PATTERNS 10c & 15c

FRY & HERZOG --CLEARING SALE--

Flannel and Silk Waists.

We offer big bargains in waists this week to close out the balance of the season's stock.

FLANNEL WAISTS--black, white & colors--Half Price

Regular prices were from $1.50 to $3.50. We offer them now at each 75c to $1.75

SILK WAISTS--black, white & colors.

Regular prices $5.00 to $5.75.
Special offer to close out at $3.75

FUR MUFFS. 1-3 off marked prices.

Only a few pieces left. They are the newest flat and round shapes.
The prices now are from $1.83 to $3.67

TO-DAY

and every other day for many days to come you will need a good Heating Stove to provide against the severe cold weather that is now upon us. If it's the principal heater for your home you want Don't Forget

The Garnet Jewel

is the only Guaranteed Heater on the market and we have them from $9.00 up. If it's a small one for a Bed Room or Bath Room,

The Lawrence Blue Flame, a small perfectly odorless and powerful heater is just what you want. Open Front Stoves all sizes and prices Now is the time to make such provision,

Trading Stamps Given.

HOLMES & GILFILLAN,
THE GREAT SUPPLY HOUSE.

MODERN PHARMACY.

Pharmacy is a growing science and the druggist to-day who fills prescriptions must be up-to-date as well as his stock. Pure drugs, scientific service and reasonable prices are all combined when your prescription is filled here.

PERFUMES

we have a line that is the finest ever shown in town. Call and try a small bottle.

J. W. Voorhees,

Palace Pharmacy Smethport, Pa.

Don't Wear Wrinkles

Or freckles or any facial blemishes when with little time and patience you can have a skin as soft and white as a baby's.

We have just received a full line of

TOILET PREPARATIONS

Try our face massage, Orange Cream.

Marbeau's Freckle Lotion is an exquisite toilet dressing.

Milk of Cucumber and Oriental Beautifier or face bleach.

They are the finest preparations made. Just try them and be convinced.

Wells Pharmacy.

Central Block — **THE FAMOUS** CLOTHING STORE. — Smethport Penna.

Watch This Space

every day in the New Year. Many useful articles will be offered at prices which will

DEFY COMPETITION

Competitors may cry humbug, but is it? If in the past you have been dissatisfied with your purchases at our store did we not abide by our motto:

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH, OR YOUR MONEY BACK.

It will not be different in the future. This week

BARGAIN NO. 1.

$2.00 $2.50 $3.00 DERBY HATS $1.50.

Wm. Monheimer.

Armstrong's Reliable Jewelry Store

Is, as ever, headquarters for everything in the line of

Standard Jewelry.

If you wish to be ON TIME buy your

Watch or Clock

at this reliable establishment. Prices are right,

Stock is Complete,

Goods are the Best, therefore your patronage is solicited.

M. L. ARMSTRONG,

Main Street, Smethport, Pa

DENTISTRY.

Modern, scientific and up-to-date.

Painless extraction of teeth. Over 25 years' experience.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. F. C. PIERCE,

Smethport, Pa.

Get the Habit

of looking at this space every week for interesting announcements and prices. Hardware and Building Material

J. C. Hamlin.

"I had courage and thought I would never regain my health."

"Three years of delicate health trying doctors' prescriptions and patent medicines" without benefit might well sap the courage of any woman. And yet Mrs. Bryant proved that the question of the cure of womanly disease is only a question of using the right remedy. A few doses of 'Favorite Prescription' restored her courage and revived her hope, because she could see "a decided change from the first." Three

months' use of the medicine restored her to perfect health.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures irregularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness.

Mrs. Sarah Bryant, President of Memphis Social Science Club, residing at 297 Atkinson Ave., Memphis, Tenn., writes: "I suffered with delicate health for three years, trying doctors' prescriptions and patent medicines until I lost courage and thought I would never regain my health; but a few doses of your 'Favorite Prescription' made me change my mind. Could see a decided change from the first, so I kept on taking it for three months faithfully and am now in perfect health."

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser, in paper covers, is sent *free* on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay expense of mailing *only*. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Lowell and Bret Harte.

Bret Harte, flushed with first fame, was Mr. Howells' guest for a week in the early seventies. Harte's breezy Bohemianism delighted Cambridge and its environs, which quite as thoroughly amused the young Californian journalist.

It was fine to see him humorously accepting the humorous attribution of scientific sympathies from Agassiz in compliment of his famous epic describing the incidents that "broke up the society upon the Stanislaus." It was a little lonesome to hear him frankly owning to Lowell his dislike for something overliterary in the phrasing of certain verses of "The Cathedral." But Lowell could stand that sort of thing from a man who could say the sort of things that Harte said to him of that delicious line picturing the bobolink as he—

Runs down a brook of laughter in the air.

That, Harte told him, was the line he liked best of all his lines, and Lowell smoked, well content with the praise. Yet they were not men to get on well together, Lowell having limitations in directions where Harte had none.—Harper's.

Patti and William I.

The story of Adelina Patti's first encounter with Emperor William I. is worth repeating. It was at Homburg that the meeting took place, and the diva was then quite a young girl. On the evening of the same day an invitation came to her and her father to meet his imperial majesty next morning at the springs at 7 o'clock.

"I get up at that hour," cried the spoiled child, "to please any emperor? No, no! I wouldn't think of it! Tell him so."

William I., ever good natured, laughed heartily over her ultimatum, which greatly amused him. The last time his majesty saw Patti was in Berlin, and he was then a dying man. When she called upon him at his box he welcomed her with his most genial smile.

"Ah," he said, "you remember Homburg? But you don't mind waiting upon me now."

The Naval Academy.

The line officers of the navy are arranged in one straight line from admiral to the lowest midshipman. After they are graduated from the academy, in order to merit their respective classes their relative positions never change except when advancements in numbers for special heroism is earned in war or a court martial decrees the reverse. If a boy loses place in his class, he loses place in the ladder of promotion. Whether he is graduated at the top or bottom of his class may determine whether or not he shall reach an admiral's stars. In no other calling does a boy's college standing thus directly influence the success of his entire professional career.—Independent.

A Diplomatic Answer.

"Now, how old do you think I am?" coyly asked a literary spinster of a man whose unfailing courtesy was supplemented by his wit on many occasions.

"My dear lady, that is a hard question for one who can scarcely remember his own age," said the man cautiously, "and in your case it is particularly difficult, for you look five years younger than it seems possible you can be when I consider what a wonderful amount you have accomplished."

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"I am the unluckiest man alive!"

"What's the matter?"

"Why, I heard that she was engaged, so I went round and proposed to her so that she wouldn't think I had been trifling with her."

"And wasn't she engaged?"

"Yes, but she broke it off. She said my love was more sincere than the other fellow's."

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We are going to give a fine Morris Chair away to purchasers of our Coffee. This chair cannot be bought at any furniture store for less than $10.00. Come in and ask particulars and get to using the coffee and get this handsome chair free.

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This House has recently been greatly improved in all its appointments, making it one of the most convenient hotels in the country. Good beds and attentive clerks. The tables are supplied with all the delicacies of the season. A liberal share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.

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Having recently purchased the above Hotel, and made extensive improvements, I am prepared to cater to the traveling public.

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Refitted, repainted and refurnished throughout. The COMMERCIAL is complete in all its arrangements. I am prepared to cater to the wants of the general public. Give me a call.

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This house has just been rebuilt and refurnished. The tables are supplied with the best the market affords and the accommodations are all that can be desired. The bar is supplied with the best brands of liquors and cigars.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of John A. Nelson, late of Smethport borough, McKean county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to Edward Larson, residing in said borough, county and state, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

EDWARD LARSON,
Administrator.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 16, 1903.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

The question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling; no baking; simply add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers to-day.

McKean County Miner

Smethport, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

—The merchants all enjoyed a good holiday trade.

—Read the new clothing advertisement of Wm. Monheimer.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones on Monday, Jan. 4, a girl.

—Jury Commissioners Curtis and Love are busy filling the wheel for the ensuing year.

—Lost, a liver and white pointer pup. Finder will please return to or write this office.

—H. W. Rubin is taking inventory and will have something to say in the near future.

—Read about the Parker Lucky Curve fountain pen in McCoys Drug Store advertisement.

—Get the habit of reading J. C. Hamlin's advertisement. He has something new this week.

—Miss Ethel Evans entertained a few friends in honor of Miss Nellie Strong Monday evening.

—Fry & Herzog are conducting a clearance sale as will be seen by their advertisement this week.

—Harry Hodson, a former resident of Smethport and employed at the Hotel Imperial, died recently in Ohio.

—The winter term of the Clarion State Normal School will open Jan. 4. The outlook for the term is excellent.

—There will be an important meeting of the Business Men's Association at the hose house to-night. Don't fail to attend.

—County Auditors Bartle, Engstrom and Devlin are auditing the accounts of the county and are making good progress.

Miss Lillian M. Archer of Mt. Jewett and Walter S. Irvine of Butler, Pa., were united in marriage by Justice B. L. Knapp on Dec. 26, 1903.

—We wish to thank C. C. Lowry of the Nickel Plate railroad for a pair of oxidized sleeve buttons, bearing the name of this well-known and popular road.

—Wm. Monheimer desires to thank all his friends and customers for their liberal patronage with which they have favored him in the past and hopes for a continuance in the days which are to come. He wishes all the season's compliments and a happy and prosperous New Year.

—The returns to the Masonic Grand Lodge for the year just ended show the greatest increase in membership in the history of the order in this State.

—A mid-winter clearance sale is advertised by F. G. Lindholm & Co. in enlarged space. These popular sales by this firm are a great boon to bargain hunters.

—Do you wish to be a stenographer, a typewriter, a bookkeeper, a teacher? Then come to Edinboro Normal. Winter term opens Dec. 28th. John F. Bigley, Prin.

—The Olean opera house, owned by F. W. Wagner of Bradford, has been ordered closed by the city authorities until the building can be put in a safe condition.

—George Jones, a Sharon boy, recently found a pocketbook containing $1,200, and when he returned it to its owner he received a reward of 10 cents. That man must think that honesty is like virtue and is its own reward.

—For every one thousand dollars subscribed and paid to its Centennial Fund from any town in Allegany or Steuben counties or from any county in any State, Alfred University will grant free tuition to one student in the Freshman class each year from such town or county.

—Warner's Business College at Bradford opened again Jan. 4. This is one of the most successful schools in Penna. He reports to this office that he has had two calls for office help this week that he could not fill. We would advise those wishing to take a shorthand or commercial course to write or call and see Prof. Warner at once.

Great Scheme.

"Have you decided yet upon a name for that new suburb of yours?"

"Yes. I am going to call it Lookout."

"I can't see anything striking or original about that."

"You can't. Think how everybody in the train will run to the windows when the brakeman calls out the name of the station."—Chicago Tribune.

Horse Same as Man.

"One of man's best friends is the horse."

"Yes," responded the man with the race track habit. "But did you ever notice what a terrible faculty your best friends have of disappointing you in an emergency?"—Washington Star.

Special Homeseekers Excursions.

Via the Nickel Plate Road. Extremely low rates to all points in the west and southwest. First and third Tuesday of each month to April, 1904. Good return limit. Full particulars of local agents, or write R. E. Payne, Gen'l. Agent, Buffalo, N. Y., or C. C. Lowry, T. P. A., Holland, N. Y.